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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN CONFRONTATION

1. ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL RIYAHD PASSING THROUGH TRIPOLI ON WAY TO CAIRO TOLD ME EVENING MARCH 1 HE NOT TOTALLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN CONFRONTATION. HE SAID THAT DURING RECENT ROUND OF TALKS BOUMEDIENE PROMISED NOT TO SEND ALGERIAN FORCES INTO SAHARA AND THAT HASSAN HAD LIKEWISE ASSURED HIM OF CONTINUED RESTRAINT. RIYAHD SAID HE MADE NO EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE BASIC QUESTION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT RATHER CONCENTRATED ON AVOIDING SERIOUS MILITARY CLASH WHICH HE SAID CONTINUING BUILD UP OF OPPOSING FORCES MADE REAL POSSIBILITY.

2. IN HIS TALKS IN TRIPOLI (HE MET QADHAFI MARCH 1) HE WAS TRYING, HE ADDED, WITHOUT GREAT EXPECTATION TO SECURE LIBYAN SUPPORT IN URGING RESTRAINT ON BOTH PARITES. MOROCCANS, HE SAID, WERE FULLY AWARE OF LIBYAN MORAL AND ESPECIALLY MATERIAL SUPPORT OF ALGERIANS. RIYAHD IS DEPARTING TRIPOLI FOR CAIRO IN DAY OR TWO.

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